GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
LOK SABHA

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Pollution due to Brick-kiln
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether brick-kiln units cause huge pollution and if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether these units are required to obtain no-objection certificate from the pollution control boards for its operation;
(c) if so, the total number of applications received and cleared by various boards during the last two years, boardwise;
(d) whether the National Green Tribunal has made it mandatory for brickkiln units to get environmental clearance certificate prior to operating these kilns and if so, the details thereof;
(e) whether the owners of brick-kilns and tiles kilns have threaten to go on strike on this issue and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and
(f) the steps taken by the Government to regulate the operations of these units and control the pollution caused by them?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE)

(a)to(c) Brick kiln is required to seek Consent to Establish/ Consent to Operate from concerned State Pollution Control Board/Pollution Control Committee as applicable. As per information provided by the Central Pollution Control Board, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Punjab and Himachal Pradesh Pollution Control Boards have granted consent to 3556, 2996, 2913 and 94 kilns, respectively during 2016.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Ministry has been receiving representations from brick kiln operators/ associations on various problems faced by them from time to time.

(f) Brick kiln units are required to meet notified norms and the conditions imposed by State Pollution Control Boards and Committees while granting Consent to Establish and Consent to Operate.

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